(b) if so, the details of items confiscated by Government and whether all these items were imported illegally; and

(c) what action Government proposed to take to stop the import of items such as cosmetics, fabrics and shoes for sale in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Case-wise details of items seized/confiscated by Government in the cases reported in the news-items, which involved illegal import of goods, are as follows:

Sl. No	Goods	Value of the goods seized	Value of the goods
1.	Cosmetics, toiletries and fabrics	Rs.	No confiscation so far as case has not been adjudicated as yet
2.	Cosmetics, toiletries and shoes	Rs.	No confiscation so far as case has not been adjudicated as yet
3.	Fresh orchid flowers and Thai Bonsai Plants	Rs. 33,562/-	Rs. 23,160/- (balance goods redeemed on payment of fine of Rs.

(c) All field formations of the Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including cosmetics, fabrics and shoes into the country.

New Board of Management for banks

540. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the case of some nationalised banks the Boards of Management are being continued though their term has expired;

(b) if so, the details of such banks; and

(c) by when the new Boards would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Board of Directors/ Management Committee of the Board of public sector banks are continuing entities and vacancies that arise are filled from time to time in accordance with the provisions contained in the relevant statutes. As per the provisions of the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme 1970/80, the whole-time directors on the boards of the nationalised banks shall hold office for such term not exceeding five years. The workmen and officer employee director shall hold office for such term not exceeding three years and thereafter until his successor has been nominated provided that he shall not hold office continuously for a period exceeding six years. Non-official directors on the boards of the public sector banks shall cease to be a director after a period of three years. In respect of Government nominee and RBI nominee directors no tenure has been prescribed.

RBI guidelines for public sector banks

541. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has taken a tough decision on ever-greening of loans by banks and financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details of guidelines issued to various banks and financial institutions in this regard;

(c) whether various public sector banks and financial institutions are flouting the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India and sanctioning loans, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that in pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee on Banking Sector Reforms (Narasimham Committee), the Bank have advised all commercial banks in October, 1998 reiterating that they should adhere to the prudential norms on asset classification, provisioning etc. and avoid the practice of ever-greening *i.e.* making fresh advances to their troubled constitutents only with a view to settling interest dues and avoiding classification of the loans in question as NPAs. RBI has further advised that